**Setting up of consumer protection fora to combat price rise**

1114. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have asked the State Governments to streamline their public distribution system and to set up district level consumer protection fora following the rising prices of certain commodities;

(b) if so, whether the Central Government propose to take to check and have failed to check the rise in prices of essential commodities and no consumer protection fora have been set up; and

(c) if so, what further action Government propose to take to check and control the rise in prices of essential commodities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL): (a) and (b) The States/UTs. have been requested from time to time to strengthen and streamline the Public Distribution System. A number of guidelines have also been suggested to them.

The States/UTs. have also been requested to set up district level consumer protection fora. As per the information available, district level consumer protection fora have started functioning in 17 States/UTs. In addition 13 States/UTs have notified the said District fora. Approval has been given to one more State to set up such a forum. The Act does not apply to Jammu & Kashmir.

(c) Government has accorded highest priority to check the rising trend in prices of essential commodities. Both long term and short term measures are being taken for the purpose. The measures taken by the Government broadly include steps to increase the production of essential commodities, effective procurement and buffer stocking operations of foodgrains, strengthening of Public Distribution System, strict enforcement of the provisions of the Essential Commodities and other regulatory measures; and augmenting domestic supplies through imports (e.g. edible oils) subject to over-all constraints of foreign exchange resources.

**New Sugar Mills**

1115. SHRI KAHNU CHARAN LENKA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of new sugar factories and expansion projects licensed or approved Statewise during the Seventh Plan Period;

(b) the Statewise and sectorwise additional annual sugar production envisaged in those units; and achievements made so far; and

(c) the deatils of applications still pending with Government for grant of licence or approval of expansion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL): (a) to (c) The information is being collected.

**यमुना पार क्षेत्र में अधिग्रहण और गिराया जाना**

1116. **श्रीमती सूर्यकांता पाटील :** क्या **शहरी विकास** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली प्रशासन के भूमि और भवन विभाग ने एक परिपत्र संख्या 91(ii)891 भूमि और भवन 12, दिनांक 20-6-90 को जारी किया है जो कि 25 जून, 1990 के पंजाब केसरी में प्रकाशित हुआ है और जिस के अन्तर्गत दिल्ली में यमुना पार को कुछ बसी बसायी और पुरानी बसी हुई बस्तियों को गिराने तथा उनका अधिग्रहण करने के निर्देश जारी किये गये हैं ;